I. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as indicated in the following listing:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A method for validating a plurality of data in a backend driven environment, the method comprising:

creating an XML Schema for a database; wherein the XML Schema contains a plurality of rules for validating a plurality of data in the database;

copying the database to a hashtable;

identical, the additional step of creating a new XML Schema;

designating a query interval;

upon the occurrence of a query interval, comparing the database to the hashtable; determining if the database and the hashtable are not responsive to a determination that when the database and the hashtable are not

wherein the XML Schema contains a plurality of rules for validating a plurality of data in the database;

wherein the <u>additional</u> step of creating a new XML Schema includes automatically updating the plurality of rules; and

wherein a new XML Schema is created only when a determination is made that the database and the hashtable are not identical.

2. Canceled.

- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising: responsive to adetermination that that when the database and the hashtable are identical, resetting the query interval and repeating the steps in claim 1.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the additional steps further comprise: deleting the hashtable and saving the database as a new hashtable.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the additional steps further comprise: storing the new XML Schema in a web server's virtual root.
- 6. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a limited number of tables from the database are copied to the hashtable; and wherein upon the occurrence of a query interval, the database tables are compared to the tables in the hashtable.
- 7. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a database metadata is copied to the hashtable; and wherein upon the occurrence of a query interval, the database metadata is compared to the metadata in the hashtable.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising: notifying a registered party of an update to the XML Schema.
- (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising: using a database trigger to indicate a change in the database.
- 10. (Currently amended) A first method for validating proposed additions to a database comprising:

accessing an XML Schema stored in a web server's virtual root; checking the validity of a data using the XML Schema; submitting the data to a database; validating the data; and

adding the verified validated data to the database;

wherein the XML Schema is created by a second method comprising:

creating an XML Schema for a database;

copying the database to a hashtable;

designating a query interval;

upon the occurrence of the query interval, comparing the database to the hashtable;

determining if the database and the hashtable are not identical; and responsive to a determination that when the database and the hashtable are not identical, creating a new XML Schema.

- 11. (Original) The first method of claim 10 further comprising: creating an XML Schema for a database.
- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Currently amended) The first method of claim 10 wherein the second method further comprises: responsive to a determination that when the database and the hashtable are identical, resetting the query interval and repeating the steps in claim 10.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the second method further comprises: deleting the hashtable and saving the database as a new hashtable.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the second method further comprises: storing the new XML Schema in a web server's virtual root.
- 16. (Previously amended) The first method of claim 10 wherein the second method further comprises: wherein a limited number of tables from the database are copied to the hashtable;

and wherein upon the occurrence of a query interval, the database tables are compared to the tables in the hashtable.

- 17. (Previously amended) The first method of claim 10 wherein the second method further comprises: wherein a database metadata is copied to the hashtable; and wherein upon the occurrence of a query interval, the database metadata is compared to the metadata in the hashtable.
- 18. (Original) The first method of claim 10 further comprising: notifying a registered party of an update to the XML Schema.
- 19. (Original) The first method of claim 10 further comprising: using a database trigger to indicate a change in the database.
- 20. (Currently amended) A program product operable on a computer, the program product comprising:

a computer-usable medium;

wherein the computer usable medium comprises instructions contained in the program product comprising:

instructions for creating an XML Schema for a database;

wherein the XML Schema contains a plurality of rules for validating a plurality of data in the database;

instructions for copying the database to a hashtable;

instructions for designating a query interval;

upon the occurrence of the query interval, instructions for comparing the database to the hashtable;

and

instructions for determining if the database and the hashtable are not identical;

responsive to a determination that that when the database and the hashtable are not identical, instructions for creating a new XML Schema;

wherein the XML Schema contains a plurality of rules for validating a plurality of data in the database;

wherein the instructions for creating a new XML Schema cause the computer to automatically update the plurality of rules; and

wherein the new XML Schema is created only when a determination is made that the database and the hashtable are not identical.

- 21. (Canceled)
- 22. (Currently amended) The program product of claim 20 further comprising: responsive to a determination that that when the database and the hashtable are identical, instructions for resetting the query interval and repeating the steps in claim 20.
- 23. (Original) The program product of claim 20 wherein the additional steps further comprise: instructions for deleting the hashtable and saving the database as a new hashtable.
- 24. (Original) The program product of claim 20 wherein the additional steps further comprise: instructions for storing the new XML Schema in a web server's virtual root.
- 25. (Previously amended) The program product of claim 20 wherein a limited number of tables from the database are copied to the hashtable; and wherein upon the occurrence of a query interval, the database tables are compared to the tables in the hashtable.

- 26. (Previously amended) The program product of claim 20 wherein a database metadata is copied to the hashtable; and wherein upon the occurrence of a query interval, the database metadata is compared to the metadata in the hashtable.
- 27. (Original) The program product of claim 20 further comprising: notifying a registered party of an update to the XML Schema.
- 28. (Original) The program product of claim 20 further comprising: instructions for using a database trigger to indicate a change in the database.
- 29. (Currently amended) A first program product operable on a computer, the program product comprising:

a computer-usable medium;

wherein the computer usable medium comprises executable instructions contained in the program product comprising:

instructions for accessing an XML Schema stored in a web server's virtual root;

wherein the XML Schema contains a plurality of rules for validating a plurality of data in the database;

instructions for checking the validity of a data using the XML Schema; instructions for submitting the data to a database; instructions for validating the data; and instructions for adding the verified validated data to the database; wherein the XML Schema is created by a second program product comprising:

instructions for designating a query interval;
instructions for creating an XML Schema for the database;
instructions for copying the database to a hashtable; upon the
occurrence of the query interval,

instructions for comparing the database to the hashtable;
instructions for determining if the database and the hashtable are
identical; and

responsive to a determination that that when the database and the hashtable are not identical, instructions for creating a new XML Schema;

wherein the instructions for creating a new XML Schema cause the computer to automatically update the plurality of rules; and

wherein the new XML Scheunschein is created only when a determination is made that the database and the hashtable are not identical.

- 30. (Canceled)
- 31. (Canceled)
- 32. (Currently amended) The first program product of claim 29 wherein the second program product further comprises: responsive to a determination that when the database and the hashtable are identical, instructions for resetting the query interval and repeating the steps in claim 29.
- 33. (Original) The first program product of claim 29 wherein the second program product further comprises: instructions for deleting the hashtable and saving the database as a new hashtable.
- 34. (Original) The first program product of claim 29 wherein the second program product further comprises: instructions for storing the new XML Schema in a web server's virtual root.

- 35. (Previously amended) The first program product of claim 29 wherein a limited number of tables from the database are copied to the hashtable; and wherein upon the occurrence of a query interval, the database tables are compared to the tables in the hashtable.
- 36. (Previously amended) The first program product of claim 29 wherein a database metadata is copied to the hashtable; and wherein upon the occurrence of a query interval, the database metadata is compared to the metadata in the hashtable.
- 37. (Original) The program product of claim 29 further comprising: notifying a registered party of an update to the XML Schema.
- 38. (Original) The first program product of claim 29 further comprising: instructions for using a database trigger to indicate a change in the database.